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OFFICE OF SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZATION
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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IDEALIST CONFIGURATION EVALUATION BOARD

1. The purpose of the IDEALIST Configuration Evaluation Board is to maintain the common interest in, and find solutions to, problems related to the configuration and associated systems employed by the IDEALIST U-2's, to insure maximum effectiveness of the program. To this end, the responsibilities of the IDEALIST Configuration Evaluation Board include the following:

- a. Provide a mechanism for the fullest participation in project systems by all authorized parties.
- b. Become thoroughly acquainted with existing configuration and systems on board, or available systems capable of being employed.
- c. Constantly review the configuration and systems in design, proposed, or planning stage, and monitor the test results to insure that original specifications are adhered to, or that when modifications are effected, such modifications are in the best interest of the program and requirement.
- d. Determine the deficiencies in existing configuration and systems, if any, and make recommendations to correct the deficiencies where possible.
- e. Provide general specifications for new configurations, and new defensive and collection electronic equipment, which would enhance the over all capability and survivability of the collection platform.
- f. Monitor the results of both the collection and defensive equipment, noting any deficiencies and recommend procedures for correction when the equipment malfunctions or appears to be inadequate for any reason.
- g. Free and full interchange among all departments authorized to participate in information, which has utility for collection and defensive equipment relating to the IDEALIST Program is essential. This includes

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intelligence information, and information on internal and external collection research, and defensive systems research programs.

2. PARTICIPATION: [redacted] is designated as Chairman and [redacted] as his alternate. Appropriate members will be nominated from the following Divisions and Branches as permanent members or consultants:

IDEALIST Division, OSA
Communications & Field Electronics Division, OSA
Intelligence Division, OSA ✓
Materiel Division, OSA
Plans Division, FA/OSA
Programs Staff, OSA (Consultant)
Photographic Specialist, D/TECH, OSA (Consultant)
Analysis Division, OEL (Consultant)
Air Systems Division, OEL (Consultant)
Defensive Systems Division, OSI (Consultant)
Security Staff, OSA (Consultant)

Additional participation by others within CIA and occasional consultants from other agencies may be advisable and may be invited by any member, subject to the approval of OSA Security member and notice to the Chairman.

3. REPORTS: The Chairman of the Configuration Evaluation Board will designate a secretariat for the purpose of preparing reports. The results of each meeting will be prepared in writing and will encompass the nature of the meeting, record of attendance by each permanent member and a review of the findings of the Board for the enlightenment of the Director of Special Activities and the Deputy for Field Activities, OSA. Each member shall receive a copy of the Board's report for his record, reference and possible action.

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